Wiggly Worm Puppet

Kit contains:

- 12 Pom-Poms
- 2 Lengths of thread
- 1 Sewing needle
- 2 Googly eyes
- 1 Craft stick

You will need: scissors and, if you are little, ADULT SUPERVISION.

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INSTRUCTIONS

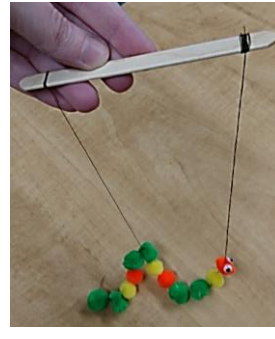
Step 1. Thread your needle with the longer piece of thread. Make a big knot at the end. (If you think you might need an adult assistant, please get one!)

Step 2. Sew the 12 pom-poms onto the thread. Note that the first pom-pom will be the tip of the worm's tail and the last will be its head.

Step 3. Cut off the needle. Wrap the loose thread around one end of the craft stick, and then tie a knot.

Step 4. Tie the shorter piece of thread between the 7th and 8th pom-poms as shown. Wrap the loose end around the other side of the craft stick. Knot in place.

Step 5. Stick on the googly eyes. Now you're ready to take your worm puppet for a walk.



PULLING A FEW STRINGS

Your wiggly worm puppet is a simple type of **marionette**, a puppet controlled from above by strings or wires attached to its limbs.

Puppetry dates back thousands of years. There is evidence of string-operated figures in Egypt as early as 2000 BCE.

Ancient Greek historians Herodotus and Xenophon wrote about puppets in the 5th and 4th centuries BCE. In fact, the Greek word for puppet (*nevróspastos*) means “string-pulled” or “drawn by strings.”

This picture shows Ancient Greek terracotta puppet dolls from the National Archaeological Museum in Athens.

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